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SUBJ: DEATH CASE GENE MYERS

REF: STATE 251086

1. SENATOR BENTSEN INTERESTED

2. REGRET EMBASSY'S OVERSIGHT IN NOT NOTIFYING MRS RAYMONDE MYERS DEATH HER HUSBAND BY STROKE 0330 HOURS, 29 SEPTEMBER 1976. EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE NAME AND ADDRESS NOK FROM MR MYERS' EMPLOYER UNTIL 4 OCTOBER. AS EMPLOYER ADVISED US THAT MRS MYERS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF HER HUSBAND'S DEATH ON 1 OCTOBER, EMBASSY DID NOT THINK IT APPROPRIATE SEND ANOTHER TELEGRAM TO MRS MYERS ANNOUNCING THE SAME SAD NEWS. EMBASSY CABLING MRS MYERS DIRECTLY TODAY WITH NOTIFICATION AND APOLOGY FOR DELAY TO FOLLOWING ADDRESS: MRS RAYMONDE MYERS, 1521 KINGS PARK DRIVE, ALVIN, TEXAS 77511.

3. SHIPMENT OF REMAINS DELAYED BY GOC RED TAPE AND NEED TO FIND ADEQUATE CASKET FOR TRANSPORT ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES. FROM THE BEGINNING, MR MYERS' EMPLOYER PLEDGED THAT COMPANY WOULD TAKE ALL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS AS MRS MYERS WISHED. THE EMBASSY HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH MR MYERS' EMPLOYER TO EXPEDITE SENDING THE RREMAINS TO THE UNIREDMSTATES, WRITING FOUR OFFICIAL LETTERS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND PROVIDING TWO OFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS OF TELEXS STATING MRS MYERS WISHES FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS. EMBASSY HELPED FIND THE ORIGINAL CASKET FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE OF THE
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REMAINS PENDING AUTHORIZATION FROM THE GOC TO EXPORT THE

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REMAINS. EMBASSY OFFICIAL SERVED AS WITNESS WHEN CASKET
SEALED.

4. FYI. AN "AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT THE REMAINS" WAS
OBTAINED FROM THE CHADIAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ON 8 OCTOBER
1976. OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY, WHO HAVEAMORE EXPERIENCE
IN THESE MATTERS THAN ANYONE ELSE IN TOWN,
HAVE PREVIOUSLY ADVISED US AT LEAST SIX WEEKS ACC REQUIRED
TO GET FINAL GOC APPROVALS TO EXPORT THE BODY. THE EMBASSY,
WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH MRS MYERS' EMPLOYER, WAS ABLE
TO CUT THIS TIME CONSIDERABLY. THE EMBASSY IN NOW WAY HAS
DENIED ANY SERVICES TO EXPEDITE SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS.
BUT ON CONTRARY HAS DONE ALL IN ITS POWER TO ASSIST.
TWO DAYS AGO, THE CONTAINER IN WHICH THE REMAINS WERE
STORED EXPLODED FROM THE PRESSURE OF GASSES RELEASED
THROUGH DECOMPOSITION. SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS HAS BEEN,
THEREFORE, DELAYED UNTIL A NEW CONTAINER CWM BE CHNQZRUCTED;
MR MYERS' EMPLOYER HAS INFORMED US THAT A NEW CONTAINER
SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED BY 14 OCTOBER. DWYER

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